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Applicants: Nika Adham, et al..
Serial No.: 09/116,676 Group Art Unit: 1646
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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 13, 2001 FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND DECLARATION OF NIKA ADHAM, BETH BOROWSKY, NIGEL LEVENS,
AND RADEK C. SKODA UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action issued April 13, 2001 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 13, 2001 Final Office Action is due July 13, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 221 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of this claim in a continuation or divisional application.

Please amend claim 222 without prejudice as follows:

--222.

(Twice Amended) The method of obtaining a composition which comprises admixing a carrier and a

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